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NEGOTIATORS.

FOR AMBASSADOR JORDEN FROM BUNKER

1. WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING FOLLOWING
MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER TACK AND RELAYING TO ME OR BELL
ANY RESPONSE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. DEAR TONY: DEVELOPMENTS HERE WILL
UNFORTUNATELY DELAY MY ARRIVAL IN PANAMA FOR SOME DAYS.
I UNDERSTAND THAT, IN ANY CASE, YOU WILL BE IN CARACAS FOR
SEVERAL DAYS NEXT WEEK. I AM CONFIDENT YOU WILL AGREE WITH
ME, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT AT THIS STAGE OF
THE NEGOTIATION TO LOSE EITHER MOMENTUM OR TIME. ACCORD-
INGLY, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OUR DEPUTIES TO
MEET AND NEGOTIATE, AT THEIR LEVEL, SEVERAL PENDING MATTERS
WHICH I CONSIDER IMPORTANT. IF THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL IN
FORMULATING SOLUTIONS WHICH YOU AND I COULD ACCEPT, WE
WOULD BE SEVERAL STEPS FURTHER ALONG. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS
I HEAR OTHERWISE FROM YOU, MOREY WILL BE ON CONTADORA ON
MONDAY MORNING TO BEGIN TALKS WITH NICO. WITH WARMEST
WISHES, ELLSWORTH. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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